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Re: K983985
HybriSonic Sheath
Dated: January 7, 1999
Received: January 20, 1999
Regulatory class: II
21 CFR 892.1570/Procode: 90 ITX

Dear Ms. Larson:

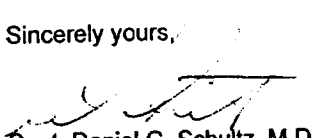
We have reviewed your Section 510(k) notification of intent to market the device referenced above and we have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (Premarket Approval), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 895. A substantially equivalent determination assumes compliance with the Current Good Manufacturing Practice requirements, as set forth in the Quality System Regulation (QS) for Medical Devices: General regulation (21 CFR Part 820) and that, through periodic QS inspections, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will verify such assumptions. Failure to comply with the GMP regulation may result in regulatory action. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register. Please note: this response to your premarket notification submission does not affect any obligation you might have under sections 531 through 542 of the Act for devices under the Electronic Product Radiation Control provisions, or other Federal laws or regulations.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801 and additionally 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4613. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21 CFR 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597, or at its internet address "<http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html>".

Sincerely yours,


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Enclosure



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Registration # 2523891

510(k) Application: HybriSonic Sheath

510(k) Number (if known): K983985

Device Name: HYBRISONIC SHEATH

Indications For Use:

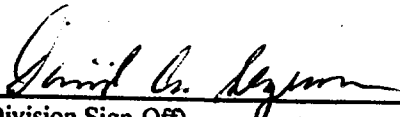
Couplant: HybriSonic Sheaths will be used during invasive medical diagnostic ultrasound imaging to couple sound waves between the patient's body and medical imaging electronics, provide lubrication and act as a microbial barrier. HybriSonic Sheaths are intended for use in sterile and non-sterile fields, including intraoperative, endocavity or transcutaneous ultrasound imaging procedures which currently use an ultrasound coupling gel or fluid alone or in combination with a latex, polyurethane or polypropylene protective transducer cover. The HybriSonic Sheath is sufficiently lubricous to be used without additional lubrication for transcutaneous ultrasound such as ultrasound guided biopsy and aspiration.

Microbial barrier: HybriSonic Sheaths are also intended for use as ultrasound transducer microbial barriers that are in vivo biocompatible with tissue and body fluids and leave no residue after use, as they remain with the transducer, are single use and disposable.

Device lubricant: In addition to coupling ultrasound, the HybriSonic Sheath is intended for use as a device lubricant and microbial barrier during transcutaneous ultrasound exams and with intraoperative ultrasound, endocavitary ultrasound imaging and transcutaneous ultrasound guided biopsy or aspiration.

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)


(Division Sign-Off)
Division of Reproductive, Abdominal, ENT,
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Prescription Use X
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

OR

Over-The-Counter Use _____

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